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CONTACT ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES

1. REQUEST EMBASSY TRANSMIT FOLLOWING LETTLR TO DR. YU.  
YE. KAZAKOV OF HYDROMET: "DEAR YURIY: IT WAS A REAL PLEASURE  
TO SEE YOU AGAIN AND TO WORK TOGETHER IN THE REDEFINI-  
TION OF THE PROJECT ON EFFECTS OF POLLUTANTS ON MARINE  
ORGANISMS UNDER DRS. SIMONOV AND DUKE. WE BELIEVE THAT  
THEY HAVE DONE A GOOD JOB OF ASSESSING THEIR RESPECTIVE  
RESOURCES, INTERESTS, AND CAPABILITIES, AND THAT WE CAN  
EXPECT AN INCREASE IN THE PRODUCTIVITY AND MUTUAL BENEFIT  
FROM THE PROJECT.

IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOUR BUSY SCHEDULE AND MY INVOLVE-  
MENT WITH THE VISIT OF THE US DELEGATION ON MOBILE SOURCE  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL TECHNOLOGY PREVENTED OUR FURTHER  
MEETING ON EPA'S INTERESTS IN STARTING AN EXCHANGE ON  
TOXIC SUBSTANCE . WE HAVE PROVIDED SIGNIFICANT MATERIAL  
TO MR. YURIY YEZHOF OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY CONCERNING  
ASBESTOS, AND BY NOW YOU WILL HAVE RECEIVED BILL BROWN'S  
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AUGUST 10 LETTER ON OUR INTEREST IN A BROADER EXCHANGE. I HOPE

THAT IT WILL BE POSSIBLE FOR YOU TO RESPOND TO THE QUESTIONS I LEFT WITH YOU AT YOUR EARLY CONVENIENCE. WE WOULD PLAN TO INITIATE THIS EXCHANGE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE,

AND THEN TO HAVE IT CONFIRMED AT THE NEXT MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE.

THERE IS AN ADDITIONAL QUESTION ALONG THIS LINE WHICH I WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE QUESTIONS I LEFT WITH YOU. L.V. AFANA"IEVA AND N.S. YEVSENKO OF THE INSTITUTE OF GENERAL ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE PUBLISHED AN ARTICLE CONCERNING FLAME-RETARDANT CLOTH USING TETRA-HYDROMETHYL-PHOSPHORIC CHLORIDE IN THE SOVIET PUBLICATION "HYGIENE AND SANITATION" (VOL. 36, PP. 450-53, 1971). WE WOULD BE INTERESTED IN KNOWING IF SUCH FABRIC IS NOW BEING USED, WHAT EXPERIENCE HAS BEEN GAINED AS A RESULT OF ITS USE, AND WHETHER THERE HAVE BEEN ANY FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS ALONG THIS LINE. SINCERELY YOURS, DAVID H. STROTHER"

2. IN CASE BROWN LETTER OF AUGUST 10, TRANSMITTED BY POUCH, HAS NOT YET ARRIVED, TEXT IS REPEATED HERE. THE LETTER AND ATTACHMENT TO YEZHOV ARE LENGTHY, AND ARE NOT REPEATED. "DEAR YURIY: ATTACHED FOR YOUR INFORMATION IS A COPY OF A LETTER I HAVE WRITTEN TO MR. YURIY YEZHOV OF THE SOVIET EMBASSY HERE IN WASHINGTON. MR. YEZHOV ORIGINALLY CALLED ME FOR INFORMATION ON US REGULATIONS AND BIBLIOGRAPHY CONCERNING ASBESTOS POLLUTION, AND I BELIEVE THAT THE INFORMATION WHICH WE HAVE PROVIDED TO HIM CONSTITUTES A SIGNIFICANT US CONTRIBUTION TO DEVELOPMENT OF FURTHER COOPERATIVE EXCHANGES UNDER THE US-USSR ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT.

ALONG THIS LINE, IT IS UNFORTUNATE THAT YOU; RESPECTIVE SCHEDULES MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR YOU AND DAVE STROTHER TO MEET AGAIN TO DISCUSS THE LIST OF QUESTIONS WHICH HE PROVIDED CONCERNING EPA'S INTEREST IN DEVELOPING AN EXCHANGE OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES. I HOPE THAT THE APPROPRIATE SOVIET AUTHORITIES WILL PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THESE QUESTIONS AT THEIR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE. FOLLOWING THEIR RESPONSE AND CONSIDERATION BY THE SOVIET SIDE, WE CAN CONSIDER UNCLASSIFIED

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THE POSSIBILITY OF ESTABLISHING A NEW PROJECT ON THIS SUBJECT UNDER THE AGREEMENT. I WELCOME YOUR THOUGHTS ON THIS POINT. SINCERELY, WILLIAM A. BROWN, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY"

3. EPA REQUESTS THAT TELEGRAMS LEFT WITH EMBASSY EARLY JUNE BE TRANSMITTED ASAP. SUBJECTS WERE 1) RESULTS OF DUKE-SIMONOV MEETING; 2) INDICATION OF STROTHER-KAZAKOV

DISCUSSION ON TOXIC SUBSTANCES; AND 3) REQUEST FOR  
AMEMBASSY LONDON ASSISTANCE ON NEW BRITISH ASBESTOS  
REGULATIONS. KISSINGER

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